

The Promise

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INTRO:

Guitar (fingerpicking) - just my way of playing it, asterisks mark the melody (use capo on 5th fret if necessary)

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      F          Bb
      *          *
E5-----8-5---*---I*-----*-*---*---I
B-----6-8---I6-----6-6---8---I
G.-5-----5-I---7-----7---7.I
D.-7-----I--8-----I
A8-----I-----I
E-----I6-----6-6-----I
      (thumb)

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I tried to do the piano figure with results that looked pitiful and incomprehensible in ASCII. Sorry.

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      F          Bb          F
1.Johnny works in a factory and Billy works downtown
Dm          Gm          F/A          Bb
Terry works in a rock'n'roll band looking for that million-dollar sound
F          Bb          F
Me I don't do nothing much, I spend a lot of time alone
Dm          Gm          F/A          Bb
Some nights I go to the drive-in and some nights I stay home

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      (Bb)          F
You see I followed that dream just like those guys do way up on the
Bb          F
screen          With a built-up Challenger down route 9
      Bb          F
through the dead ends and all the bad scenes
      C          F
And when the promise was broken I cashed in a few of my old dreams

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      F
2.You see I built that Challenger by myself
      Bb          F
but I needed money and so I sold it
      Dm
And I lived a secret I should have kept to myself
      Gm          F/A          Bb
But I got drunk one night and I told it
Dm          Am
All my life I've fought that fight
      Gm          F/A          Bb
the one that no man can ever win
      F          C          F
and every day it just gets harder to live the dreams I'm believing in

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      Gm Am Bb          C          F
Thunder Road_____ I stay up every morning until it turns light
      Gm Am Bb          C          F
Thunder Road_____ there's something dying on the highway tonight

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(2x Intro)

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      F
3.Well now I won big once and I hit the coast
      Bb          F
Oh but somehow I paid the big cost
      Dm
Inside I felt like carrying the broken spirits
      Gm          F/A          Bb

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of all the other ones who lost

When the promise is broken you go on livin'

but it takes something from down in your soul

Like when the truth is spoken but it don't make no difference

something in your heart turns cold

You see I followed that dream , me and some guys

through the dead ends and all the two-bit bars

When the promise was broken I was drunk and far away from home

sleeping with a stranger in the backseat of a borrowed car

Thunder Road_____ here's one for the lost lovers and all the fixed games

Thunder Road_____ here's one for the tyres rushing by in the rain

Thunder Road_____ I remember when me and Billy would always say

Thunder Road_____ we were gonna take it all and throw it all away

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Notice that the piano line sometimes follows the vocal melody, so for exaple at the 'I followed that dream'- line it goes to E, b5 of the Bb chord.